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In the application of: Eldridge et al.
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For: Probe Card Assembly And Kit, And
Methods Of Using Same

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US pat. appl. serial no.:	09/846,490	(P6D2-US)	filed	April 30, 2001
US pat. appl. serial no.:	10/011,335	(P6C1-US)	filed	December 5, 2001
US pat. appl. serial no.:	10/034,543	(P6C2-US)	filed	December 27, 2001

US pat. no.:	5,974,662	(P6-US)	issued	November 2, 1999
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